Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Reasons for lower literacy rate among women include *inter-alia* social prejudices inhibiting the enrolment in attendance of girls in schools, lack of motivation and awareness among women about the usefulness of literacy and education and high incidence of rural powerty which compel majority of women to join the work force in agricultural and allied activities on low remuneration to supplement the family income.

(b) Central Government has taken some of the following steps to reduce the drop-out rate of girl students in the country:

—Opening of non-formal education centres for girls in educationally backward States|Pockets in each State.

—The scheme in operation since 1979-80 on 50:50 Centre State sharing basis has been revised during 1983-84 under which financial assistance to States|uTs are given on 90:10 Centre-State sharing basis, Similarly Central financial assistance is provided to States|UTs for appointment of women teachers under primary schools. Besides the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested from time to time to make special efforts for increasing the enrolment and ensuring retention through various incentives and benefits to the girl students like free studentship, provision of free text-books, stationery, free dress, scholarships, mid-day meals, etc.

Railway line between Pakala and Katpadi

2832. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to construct a parallel railway line between Pakala and Katpadi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Metre Gauge Rail line between Pakal and Tirupati

2833. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Central Railway submitted detailed survey report for the replacement of metre gauge line between Pakala and Tirupati; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) This work has not been approved.

Telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2834. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone exchanges working at present in the State of Andhra Pradesh District-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more Telephone exchanges in the State, district-wise with the names of the places; and

(c) what is the amount earmarked for the new Telephone exchanges in the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are 1940 telephone exchanges wor-

king in 23 Districts of Andhra Pradesh. The details of which is given in statement-I (*See below*).

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The list of such Telephone exchanges proposed to be set up during the year 1987-88 district-wise alongwith the amount earmarked is furnished in statement-II (*See below*). The setting-up of these exchanges is subject to availability of equipment and adequate demand for the new telephone connections.

Statement—I

Nunmber of Telephone Exchanges in Anchra Pradesh District-wise (As on 14-8-1987)

Name of District	No. of Telephone Exchanges
Srikakulam	43
Vlyvanagram	44
Vishakha Patnam	59
East Godavari	128
West Godavari	155
Krishna	119
Guntur	106
Prakasam	101
Vellore	88
Chittoor	121
Guddapah	72
Anantpur	110
Kurnooi	89
Mahbubnagar	90
Rangareddi	81
Hyderabad	14
Medak	80
Vizamabad	71
Adilabad	42
Karimnagar	109
Warangal	87
Khamman	69
Nalgonda	82
TOTAL	1940

Statement-II

List of Telephone exchanges proposed to be set up districtwise along with the amount earmarked during year 1987-88

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of telephone exchanges	District-wise Amount earmarked (in Rs. lakhs)
1	Anantpur	Chabala	—
		Granguchintapali	—
		Kadavakallu	—
		Kallpi	— 12.5
		Kanchi Samudram	—
2	Adilabad	Pambi	—
		Sunkidi	7.5
		Narudigonda	—
3	Caddepah	Nandimandalam	—
		Mylavaram	— 10.0
		Ramatlapalli	—
		Gunajala	—
4	Chittoor	Lakkanapalli	—
		Vanamaladinne	—
		Kovanur	— 15.0
		Chodasamudram	—
		Reglmanupenta	—
		Jellealmudi	—

Sl. No.	Name of District	Name of telephone exchanges	District-wise Amount earmarked (in Rs. lakh)
5.	East Godavari	Singanapalli Ramavaram. Ryali	7.5
6.	Guntoor	Kanakalagunta	2.5
7.	Karimnagar	Chillapur Beerpur Nallampalli	7.5
8.	Kammam	Chennapuram Patarlapadu Penugadapa Kistapuram	10.0
9.	Krishna	Kesarapadu Anumanchip-alli Chavendra	7.5
10.	Kurnooi	Gulzam Polakala Ramapuram Nandavaram	10.0
11.	Mehbobnagar	Chinnarevella Pedda Adiryal Darur Koilsagar	10.0
12.	Medak	Allipur Simhalapur Kalvakunta Rajapalli Kosal	12.5
13.	Nalgunda	Jabbalapur Chilapakunta Ganapavaram	7.5
14.	Nellor	Mamidalapadu Nidumosala Mambatla	7.5
15.	Nizambad Div.	Peddakodamgal Basavapur Achampet Mothe	10.00
16.	Prakasham	Kanakanamitta Sangeeraopet Gajjaragulla	7.5
17.	Ranga Reddi	Edulabad Arutla Loyapalli Inderkaran Gopanapalle	12.5
18.	Srikakoolam	Kodisa	2.5
19.	Visakhapatanam	Peddavalasa Koalput Chandapada	7.5
20.	Vijaynagaram	Manda Mushinam	5.0
21.	Warrangal	Challagarige Tadupai Nagaram Tatikonda	10.0
22.	West Godavari	Adamilli Veerasampeta	5.0